

FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN

Michael Tsikouris

I Michael Tsikouris reside at 651 Robinson Road, and I am completing my fifth term as First Ward Councilman. During this time I have worked closely with my fellow Councilmen and City Administrators to explore ways of reducing expenses while increasing income. As a result the City has balanced the budget for the last several years. Our five year forecast now shows positive balances for each year. We are also working on correcting some accounting procedures. These requirements need to be implemented before we can apply for release from Fiscal Emergency status. We also purchased new computer software to update the software last installed in the 1980's. This will allow us to convert from the present cash basis of accounting to the GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Practices) system. This is also a requirement for Fiscal Emergency release.

We continue to look for grants to improve our infrastructure utilizing monies from our permissive tax for paving and from our stormwater fund for drainage issues. Below is a summary of Projects that have been completed or will be awarded along with the source of funding:

Projects that have been completed in the last two years:

Resurfacing:

Reed Ave. from 12th to 13th and 13th from Robinson to Gordon (Paid by CDBG grant \$53,000)

Piccadilly and Regent from Tenney to Ridge and 16th from Bright to Tenney (Paid with local license plate tax \$49,000)

Twelfth St. from Robinson to Coitsville (Paid with Federal Stimulus Grant \$320,000)

Struthers-Liberty from S.R. 616 to Sanderson (Paid with State and Eastgate Grants \$345,000)

Stormwater:

Separated stormwater from sanitary lines at Wilson and 1st & Hyatt at 13th (Mahoning County Grant \$75,000)

Improved drainage at Tenney and Struthers-Liberty (Local Stormwater Funds \$18,000)

Demolition:

Cleared abandoned properties 67 homes to date (Federal Grant \$340,000)

Projects to be completed in 2011:

Resurfacing:

Buell Ave., Eastern from Blossom to Park and 16th from Blossom to Hyatt (OPWC 40% Local License Tax 60% Cost \$293,000)

Brownfield:

New sanitary lift station (OPWC 100% Cost \$933,333)

New Tenant

Construct new road to Campbell Industrial Park (OPWC 100%, Est. Cost \$500,000)

Park:

Contract to resolve drainage issues (Paid w/Park Funds: \$ 150,000)

Proposed projects for 2012:

Resurfacing:

Lettie from McCartney to Gladstone, Maryknoll from Robinson to Jackson, Penhale from 6th to 12th , Sanderson from 1st to 6th (OPWC 40% Local License Tax 60%, Cost \$350,000)

Stormwater:

Tenney/Pin Oaks, Penhale. Stormwater Project (OPWC 70% Stormwater Funds 30% , Est. Cost \$300,000)

Proposed projects 2013:

Resurfacing/Bridge Replacement:

Wilson Ave. East Corp to West Corp (Paid w/Federal Funds 100%, Cost \$3.6 Million, Engineers Estimate)

Sidewalks:

Porter (Paid w/State Grant \$388,000 Engineers Estimate)

Struthers-Liberty (Paid w/State Grant \$193,456)

As seen above much work has been done and more remains to be completed and with your continued support we can accomplish much more. It has been a pleasure to serve the citizens of the First Ward and all of Campbell for the past ten years, and I look forward to serving you in the future.